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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Walt Elder, Executive Secretary, NFIB 28 July 1976

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- l. I had expected the conversation to educate me about current NFIB procedures. Instead, Walt wanted to talk about the problem with memorandum on the South Pacific. Indeed, it appears that there really are no SOPs but rather a shifting variety of formats that are used, depending on the sensitivities of the Admiral and Knoche, on any given subject.
- 2. The point Walt wanted to make was that the NI staff should be in constant communication with him; when it has a product it needs to get out quickly, it should make sure that he understand this and why. Perhaps this could be impressed on the NIOs. Alternatively we could ask the NIOs to send all their communications to NFIB through our office so that we could make sure Walt is kept current and that we make each request in the most appropriate way after talking with him. The latter in some ways seems needlessly bureaucratic, but it might be the most efficient.

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